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SUBJECT: AUTOMOTIVE AGREEMENT: GILLESPIE REMARKS IN HOUSE

OF COMMONS.

REF : OTTAWA 941

- 1. IN HOUSE OF COMMONS QUESTION PERIOD APRIL 17, OPPOSITION LEADER STANFIELD AND NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY AUTO INDUSTRY SPOKESMAN BROADBENT SOUGHT SPECIFICS FROM MINISTER INDUSTRY, TRADE & COMMERCE GILLESPIE ABOUT REPORTED DISCUSSIONS WITH USG ON POSSIBLE CHANGES IN AUTOMOTIVE AGREEMENT. GILLESPIE REPLIED THAT HE AND TREASURY SECRETARY SHULTZ HAD HELD EXPLORATORY EXCHANGE ON POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE PACT BUT THAT NO SPECIFICS HAD BEEN DISCUSSED.
- 2. WHEN STANFIELD SUGGESTED " ALARMING SITUATION" IN US SENATE MIGHT APPROPRIATELY BE DISCUSSED IN COMMONS COMMITTEE, GILLESPIE DEMURRED, SAYING TALKS BEST CONDUCTED IN PRIVATE. ASKED BY BROADBENT WHETHER CANADIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON MAINTAINED CLOSE LIAISON WITH KEY SENATORS, GILLESPIE REPLIED SENATE WELL AWARE OF GOC VIEWS.
- 3. IN HOUSE, PRIOR TO QUESTION PERIOD, BROADBENT REFERRED TO "STORY FROM WASHINGTON TODAY" THAT GOC HAD PROPOSED PHASING UNCLASSIFIED

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OUT OF SAFEGUARDS. (SEE OTTAWA 941 REGARDING ROSS MUNRO ARTICLE.) BROADBENT ASKED BUT HOUSE DENIED UNANIMOUS CONSENT FOR MOTION CALLING UPON GILLESPIE TO NEGOTIATE "IMPROVEMENT" IN SAFEGUARDS TO ESTABLISH PRINCIPLE THAT CANADIANS HAVE RIGHT TO PRODUCE VALUE OF AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS EQUIVALENT TO CANADIAN CONSUMPTION.

4. ABOVE BASED ON EMBOFF' S NOTES. SCHMIDT

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